Schemes under Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Rajasthan

†1843. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved a scheme to start Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in all the districts of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the target set for implementing employment guarantee related works in the rural areas under the scheme in all the districts of Rajasthan; and

(c) the amount to be allocated to the State by the Centre under the scheme in the financial year commencing from April, 2008 and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act was implemented in six districts of Rajasthan on 2.2.2006. 6 additional districts were covered under the Act from 1.4.2007 and all the remaining rural areas in the State have been covered under NREGA with effect from 1.4.2008.

(b) NREGA is self targeting. Works are required to be taken up from the approved shelf of projects for meeting labour demand. During the current year, so far (up to October, 2008) a total of 152940 works have been taken up in Rajasthan out of which 46793/works have been completed.

(c) NREGA is demand based. Funds are released on the basis of proposals received from the districts which in turn are based on the labour demand in an area along with documents in support of their claim of funds. So far, in the current financial year, a sum of Rs. 4040.35 crore has been released to Rajasthan.

Purification of water in villages

1844. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented any scheme for purification of water in villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total cost likely to be incurred on said scheme especially in Uttar Pradesh and other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Rural drinking water supply is a State subject. Government of India assists the States through the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and power to plan, implement, operate and maintain water supply systems under ARWSP is with the States. In 2006-07, to tackle water quality problem in a focused manner, Government of India started Revised Sub-mission on Water Quality as a component of ARWSP. To tackle water quality problems in the quality-affected rural habitations,

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